

## II. Justification

### A. What is justification?

It is the judicial act of God's grace whereby He declares the believing sinner not guilty. To be declared innocent. To be acquitted. God not only forgives us of the sin and lifts the penalty from us, but forgets the crime and sees us as though we had never committed it. Read Isaiah 43:25; Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 44:22; Psalm 79:9; Isaiah 1:18; II Samuel 12:13; Mark 2:5-11; and Colossians 2:13.

A laymen's definition: "Just-if-I'ed" never sinned.

### B. How does justification work?

By imputing (putting to another's account) the believer's sin to Christ and Christ's righteousness to the believer.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21).

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" (1 Peter 3:18).

### C. How are we justified?

#### 1. By faith

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Romans 3:24-28).

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Romans 4:5).

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" (Romans 5:1).

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." (Acts 13:39).

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24).

#### 2. By the blood of Jesus Christ

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Romans 5:9).

#### 3. By a free gift

See Romans 3:24-28 above.

"And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all

men unto justification of life.” (Romans 5:16-18).

#### **4. By the name of the Lord Jesus.**

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

#### **5. By His grace.**

“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:7).

### **III. Redemption**

#### **A. Defined**

Redemption means to redeem or to purchase back. To pay a ransom. To rescue from loss.

Illustration #1: If you lost something that was yours and had to buy it back, that would be redemption.

Illustration #2: If your child was kidnapped, and you paid a ransom to get him/her back that would be redemption. It is paying for something that is yours.

We are all creations of God. Through sin we became the children of the devil. See Matthew 13:38; I John 3:8-10; John 8:44; and Acts 13:10. By the blood of Christ, the believer has been bought back and becomes a child of God (see Galatians 3:26).

#### **B. How are we redeemed?**

By the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood was the payment for our sins to purchase us back to God.

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Ephesians 1:7).

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins;” (Colossians 1:14).

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” (Hebrews 9:12).

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;” (Revelation 5:9).

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

#### **C. What are we redeemed from? (presently)**

##### **1. All iniquity.**

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:14).

##### **2. From the curse of the law.**

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” (Galatians 3:13).

## **D. Future redemption (of our bodies)**

“And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:23).

“Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:14).

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

**“Redeemed” by Fanny Crosby**  
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child and forever I am.